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NATIONAL CENTRE OF PERFORMING ARTS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has any proposal to set up a National Centre of Performing Arts in the country;

(b) if so, the details and the proposed functions thereof along with the estimated cost of the project;

(c) the time by which the said centre is likely to be set up;

(d) whether the Government proposes to set up mega cultural complexes at Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata in the XII Plan period; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SMT. CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

(a)&(b) There is a proposal for setting up of National Centre of Performing Arts (NCPA) in New Delhi. This is a Central Sector Scheme of the Ministry of Culture.

The proposed NCPA will be a state-of-the-art 'cultural multiplex' with a set of auditoria/ performance spaces of varying size and specifications. It will present, round the year, world class productions of India's varied art forms. Apart from hosting visiting cultural shows, it will also develop its own repertoire and become a vibrant cultural hub showcasing high quality performances, both Indian and foreign.

However, the Project is yet to be approved by the Planning Commission and specific estimates are yet to be prepared.

(c) The setting up of NCPA is dependent on identification of a suitable plot of land. Hence, no time frame has been fixed.

(d) Does not arise.